



Making
Cities
Work

Urban Profile

BENIN

Capital: Porto-Novo

(2001)

Largest City: Cotonou

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2nd Largest City: Porto Novo

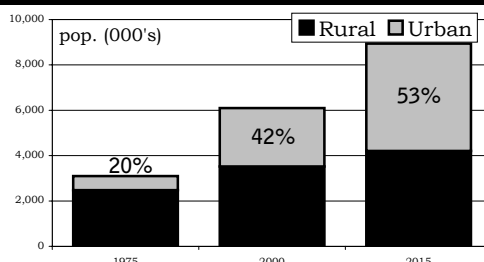
225,000

2000 Population	6.1 m million
10-year Avg. Annual Pop. Growth	2.8%
GDP (2000)	\$6.6 billion
GDP per capita	\$1,082
GDP growth	5.0%
GNIPer capita (2000)	\$380
World Bank Classification	Low Income
Population Below Poverty Line	2.0 m million



Urban Population

2,577,000
lived in
urban areas
in 2000.



Annual Growth
Rates (2000-2015)

Urban 4.1%
Rural 1.2%

City Sizes	# of cities
10 million +	
5-9.9 m	
2.5 - 4.9 m	
.75-2.49 m	1

Urban Migration Trends

Secondary source data are not available.

Urban Poverty

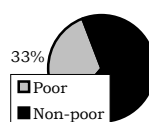
850,410
urban dwellers
were below the
poverty line.

(based on national data)

POVERTY IN BENIN

Urban/rural
poverty data
are not
available.

NATIONAL POVERTY



33% of
the
population
is poor.

Income Inequality

(wealthiest 20% divided by poorest 20%)

	Nation	n/a
Porto-Novo ('93)	6.1	
Cotonou ('93)	6.0	

Economy & Employment

(Country) Sector	GDP (1999)	Employment (1990)
Agriculture	38%	64%
Industrial	14%	8%
Services	49%	28%

UNEMPLOYMENT

Nation *

UNEMPLOYMENT. Some 70% of the unemployed live in urban areas, and 60% of the urban unemployed live in Cotonou. This concentration of the unemployed in urban areas is explained by: 1) the weak development of salaried employment, and 2) low unemployment in rural areas.

Decentralization

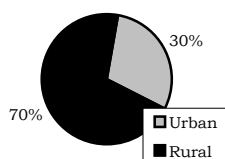
Sample Urban Area: Cotonou

(UNCHS - HABITAT, 1998)

Able to set none of local tax levels	Able to choose all contractors for projects
Able to set all of user charges	Funds transfer is known in advance
Able to borrow some of funds	Central government can remove local govt. officials

Infrastructure & Basic Services

670,020
urban dwellers
lack water supply.

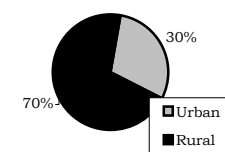


30% of people
without water
supply live in
urban areas.

Population without Water Supply in 2000

	(000's)	% of rel. pop.
Urban	670	26%
Rural	1,584	45%
Total	2,254	37%

1,391,580
urban dwellers
lack sanitation
coverage.



30% of people
without sanitation
coverage live in
urban areas.

Pop. without Sanitation Coverage in 2000

	(000's)	% of rel. pop.
Urban	1,392	54%
Rural	3,309	94%
Total	4,700	77%

Health

First and Second Quintile of Income Distribution

	Urban Poorest	Rural Poorest	Urban Poor	Rural Poor	National Average
Under 5 yrs.-old. mortality rate (per 1,000 births, 1998)	*	219.1	*	202.9	183.9
Children severely underweight (under 3 yrs.-old)	11.2%	12.0%	7.9%	8.1%	7.4%

Crime

Secondary source data are not available.